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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

- UNION SQUARE THEATRE—A CELEBRATED CASE. NEW YORK AQUARIUM—QUEER FISHES. WALLACK'S THEATRE—SCROOG.

WITH SUPPLEMENT.

NEW YORK, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1878.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—To insure the proper classification of advertisements it is absolutely necessary that they be handed in before eight o'clock every evening.

From our reports this morning the probabilities are that the weather in New York and its vicinity to-day will be cold and fair.

NORFOLK has treated the survivors of the unfortunate Metropolis with true Virginian hospitality.

YESTERDAY was a model winter day, and from morning until late in the evening Central Park and the numerous drives were resonant with the music of the sleigh bells.

BRIGHTON YOUNG'S twenty-five widows and forty-five children are dissatisfied with the distribution of the Prophet's property and threaten to bring a lawsuit that will throw the discussion on hell into the shade.

THE REVEREND COLONEL INGERSOLL declared last evening that the doctrine of hell fire is an infamous dogma and that he has no respect for any man who believes in it.

MR. SHIPPEN'S SUGGESTION to remove the surface railroad tracks beneath the elevated roads and suspend the street cars from tracks attached overhead to the elevated structure is worthy of attention.

THE MARCH CHURCH MIRACLE very naturally continues to be the sensation in that interesting town. A large portion of its inhabitants have the fullest faith in Miss Greth, while the more intelligent of them believe that the whole thing is a deception.

THE SERMONS YESTERDAY were for the most part of a comforting character. Dr. Hepworth took the ground that Christianity is in no danger of being overturned by modern science.

THE DARDANIELLES, as the only channel leading from the Mediterranean to Constantinople, has again given rise to much discussion in the courts of Europe.

THE WEATHER.—The pressure continues high all over the United States east of the Rocky Mountains, except in the Northwest, where it is falling, and in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, where it is above the mean, but relatively low.

Advice Gratis to Democrats. General Henry B. Banning, of Ohio, as chairman of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, has introduced a bill "to reorganize the army of the United States."

General Banning's bill is ingeniously contrived on the model of the well known recipe for curing a dog of fits—to cut off his tail close up behind his ears.

Is the army dangerous to our liberties? Ought it to be destroyed, or to be so placed that a trivial dispute in Congress may at any time disband it? This is evidently General Banning's belief; it is the motive of his bill.

There is no excuse, therefore, for the extraordinary forty-first section, which declares that if Congress shall refuse or neglect to make appropriations for the army "such refusal or neglect shall be deemed equivalent to an express act for the abolition of the military establishment and the army shall be forthwith disbanded."

Nor is the plea of economy any stronger. The bill, we are told, will save us five or six millions. In the first place, this is not true. The mere frontier and Indian work of the army requires, according to the testimony of experts, that it should be at least thirty and probably forty thousand strong.

The true plan of an army for this country is to maintain the present number of regiments; to increase rather than diminish their number as skeleton organizations, but to regulate from year to year the number of troops to be enlisted and maintained as the necessities of the country may demand.

into the War Department, and that army officers should manage these affairs. Some of his sections are good. Congress ought, for instance, to prohibit any appointments to the army except graduates of the Military Academy and meritorious petty officers.

In conclusion, we wish to ask Mr. Banning a question, which we hope he will, for his own sake, answer as quickly as possible. The last section of his bill repeals several sections of the Revised Statutes, and among them section 1,218, which reads, "No person who has served in any capacity in the military, naval or civil service of the so-called Confederate States, or of either of the States in insurrection during the late rebellion, shall be appointed to any position in the army of the United States."

As there is some likelihood that the little boy brought from Demerara is really Charley Ross the heart-breaking story of the stolen child may yet have a happy close. It has always been in contemplation one of the poignant features of this history that the father and family, wearied out at last by the constant recurrence of false alarms, their means dissipated in journeys and other expenses incident to investigations of the identity of putative Charleys, would eventually lapse into the indifference of exhausted patience, and thus perhaps let the really lost one come and go through indifference and negligence.

A Harvest for Counterfeiters. If silver dollars worth only ninety cents are made an unlimited legal tender nothing is more certain than a deluge of counterfeit money. We do not know whether the present abundance of silver money is due to the surreptitious industry of counterfeiters, nor is it perhaps of any great consequence, considering that the trade dollars are not a legal tender at all, and the subsidiary silver coins for only five dollars.

The source of the danger lies in the fact that coins of full weight can be manufactured of standard silver at a large profit. In ordinary counterfeits the profit results from the use of base metal. When coined gold or silver has about the same value as the bullion of which they are composed there is no temptation to manufacture money of standard weight and fineness.

The Basis of Peace in the East.

After much doubt and delay it is announced that the terms of an armistice based on the preliminaries of peace have been accepted by the Porte and signed by the Russian commander-in-chief and the Turkish delegates. This is to be followed by an immediate suspension of hostilities both in Turkey and Armenia.

But the relations of Russia and Turkey are by no means settled by the armistice, although Turkey concedes all the demands of the conqueror. The questions that will arise in the conference proposed by Austria and accepted by the European Powers will be of the gravest interest, and a solution of the Eastern problem is by no means assured.

When we consider that Russia aims at accomplishing that which would necessarily prove fatal to Turkey, and which will be strenuously opposed by England—namely, the opening of the Dardanelles to the free passage of Russia's war and mercantile navies—the prospects of a lasting peace do not look bright.

Insanity.

Gustave Geisinger was confined on Ward's Island for three months on the certificates of two physicians that he was insane. These opinions of his insanity rested on certain startling and morbid peculiarities of his conduct. First, he wanted to bottle lager beer on a grand scale; second, he wanted to do this without any capital; third, he had an exaggerated notion of his own abilities.

But to be without a cent and to start in business on that cent and make a fortune is what distinguishes great merchants and bankers. And what says the poet? "Great wits are sure to madness near allied." It is evident, therefore, on this argument also that Geisinger was insane.

Mexicanizing Our Currency.

We call particular attention to our Washington despatch relating to the views of Mr. Foster, our Minister to Mexico, who has lately arrived in Washington on business connected with his mission. He finds Congress absorbed in the silver question, and having resided for many years in the capital of a country which has no money but silver he has something to say on this subject which is worth attention.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

- The following Americans have registered at the Herald Bureau in Paris: J. Gray, Milwaukee, Grand Hotel. D. L. Foley, San Francisco, Hotel Violet.

THE WAR.

What is To Be Done with the Turkish Fleet?

THE ADRIANOPLE AGREEMENT.

Evacuation of the Danubian Fortresses and of Erzeroum To Be Ordered.

DENMARK AND HER FOES.

Invasion of Turkey by a Grecian Army.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.] LONDON, Feb. 4, 1878.

There was a startling rumor current last night among the best informed officers of the army and navy, which, although couched in ambiguous language, foreshadows what may prove one of the gravest events in the whole history of the Eastern question.

WILL ENGLAND DARE DO IT?

As soon as the Turkish fleet emerges from the Dardanelles it will be seized by the British Iron-clads and conveyed to Malta. In brief, the high-handed proceeding at Copenhagen in 1801 will find a parallel in 1878.

ROBERT RECEIVES ORDERS.

A despatch from Constantinople, dated Saturday night, seems to lend color to the above rumor. It announces that Hobart Pacha has received orders to hold the Turkish fleet in readiness to sail—it was believed—for the Pireus or the port of Athens.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FLEET.

The iron-clad Achilles and the steam frigate Raleigh, which have been refitting at La Valetta, Malta, have returned to Besika Bay. The iron-clad Devastation will follow.

BY WHOM IS DENMARK MENACED?

The Standard's Copenhagen despatch states that every preparation is being made to close the sound and the approaches to Copenhagen with torpedoes in twenty-four hours, if necessary.

SIGNED AT LAST.

A despatch from Adrianople, dated January 31, evening, says:—"The six bases of peace accepted by the Porte and the terms of armistice have just been signed by the Grand Duke Nicholas and Serer and Nanyk Pashas. An order suspending hostilities will be despatched forthwith to all the corps and detachments, and also to the army in Asia Minor. The Turks will evacuate all the Danubian fortresses and Erzeroum. A despatch from Serer Pacha to the Porte, received in Constantinople on Saturday, officially announces the signing of the armistice."

THE TEXT.

The following are the conditions of the protocol:—

- First—The erection of Bulgaria into a principality. Second—A war indemnity or territory in compensation. Third—The independence of Roumania, Servia and Montenegro, with an increase of territory for each. Fourth—Reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Fifth—An ulterior understanding between the Sultan and the Czar regarding the Dardanelles. Sixth—The evacuation of the Danubian fortresses and Erzeroum.

EVACUATING WIDDIN.

A Bucharest correspondent telegraphs that in consequence of the armistice the garrison at Widdin has been ordered from Constantinople to surrender their arms, after which they will be quartered in the neighboring villages.

A VIENNA CONGRESS.

A special despatch to the Paris Temps from Vienna announces that all the Powers have accepted Count Andrassy's proposal for a conference, which will meet in Vienna.

CONTENT AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

There is great satisfaction at Constantinople at the settlement of the peace preliminaries. JOY AT ST. PETERSBURG. Thanksgiving services were held yesterday in the churches of St. Petersburg, and salutes of artillery were fired in consequence of the signing of the armistice. Flags were flying all over the city.